

Cordua Irrigation District

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NOTICE OF CORDUA IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S INTENT TO SERVE AS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR A PORTION OF THE NORTH YUBA SUBBASIN

This letter constitutes notice to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), pursuant to Water Code sections 10723(d) and 10723.8, of Cordua Irrigation District's (District) intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management of the North Yuba Subbasin (the Basin) as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This District will use an open and inclusive process in its implementation of SGMA, taking into account the interests and concerns of other GSAs, stakeholders, and interested parties in the Basin. This notice of intent is timely filed within 30 days of the date the District's Board of Directors (Board) approved a resolution electing to serve as a GSA. The resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A and a map showing the District's service area and sphere of influence boundaries is attached to the resolution as an exhibit. The District's proposed GSA management area is coterminous with its sphere of influence. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with this resolution to serve as GSA.

The Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) notified the District of its intent to also serve as a GSA for the Basin, and DWR posted notice of YCWA's intent on its website.¹ YCWA's proposed GSA management area would overlap with the District's. Should they elect to serve as GSAs, the GSA management areas of Reclamation District 10, Ramirez Irrigation District, Brown's Valley Irrigation District, and Yuba County may be near, adjacent to, or overlapping the District's proposed GSA management area. Other potential GSAs in the Basin, but outside of the District's proposed management area, include Butte County, the Cities of Oroville and Marysville, and South Feather Water and Power Agency.

Interested parties within the District's proposed GSA management area, determined pursuant to Water Code section 10723.2, include:

(a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

(1) Agricultural users

The District's proposed GSA management area is composed almost entirely of agricultural users, most of whom have a preexisting relationship with the District.

(2) Domestic well owners

There are domestic wells within the GSA, however, based on current and likely future groundwater conditions in the Basin, it is anticipated that the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) will exclude domestic wells.

(b) Municipal well operators

N/A. None within the District's proposed GSA management area.

(c) Public water systems

N/A. None within the District's proposed GSA management area.

(d) Local land use planning agencies

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(e) Environmental users of groundwater

There are environmental users of groundwater within and near the District's proposed GSA management area. These environmental users pump groundwater to provide habitat to migrating waterfowl and other species.

(f) Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies

N/A.

¹ The Butte County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 15-039 on March 24, 2015, which states the County's intent to serve as GSA for groundwater basins within Butte County, including the portion of the Basin within Butte County, but no notice of intent has been posted on DWR's website, nor was notice provided to the District. No part of the District's proposed GSA management area lies within Butte County.

(g) The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands

N/A. None within the District's proposed GSA management area.

(h) California Native American tribes

N/A. None within the District's proposed GSA management area.

(i) Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems

N/A. None within the District's proposed GSA management area.

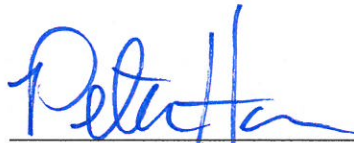
(j) Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency

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The District intends to engage in a collaborative, open, and inclusive process in implementing SGMA. The District will listen to and consider the interests of the Basin's other GSAs, stakeholders, and other interested parties in the development and operation of the GSA, and in the development and implementation of the GSP. Interested parties will have opportunities, both formal and informal, to provide input to the District throughout the process of developing, operating, and implementing the GSA and GSP. Such opportunities may include, but are not limited to, public comment periods required by SGMA (e.g., Water Code section 10728.4); opportunities for public comment during the District's regular and special board meetings; and at other times to be determined and noticed pursuant to Water Code section 10727.8(a)).

Dated: _____

9/10/15



Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton, and Cooper, LLP
By: Peter C. Harman
District Counsel

Exhibit A

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-70
ELECTION TO SERVE AS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (“SGMA”) was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each California groundwater basin or subbasin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, Cordua Irrigation District (District) overlies a subbasin of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin known as the North Yuba Subbasin (Basin No. 5-21.60 in the Department of Water Resources’ CASGEM system), an unadjudicated groundwater basin overlying portions of Butte and Yuba Counties (the “Basin”); and

WHEREAS, the District, a local public agency overlying the Basin, is authorized to be a GSA for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing to consider whether the District should elect to be a GSA for the Basin, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, was published in the Chico Enterprise Record and in the Marysville Appeal Democrat, on August 7, 2015, and again on August 14, 2014, pursuant to section 6066 of the Government Code, as required by section 10723(b) of the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, courtesy copies of the hearing notice were also sent to each of the Basin’s other potential GSAs, including the Boards of Supervisors of Butte and Yuba Counties, Ramirez Irrigation District, Brown’s Valley Irrigation District, Reclamation District 10, South Feather Water and Power Agency, the City of Marysville, the City of Oroville, and the Yuba County Water Agency; and

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing at which its Board of Directors considered whether the District should become a GSA for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the District to become a GSA for the Basin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ORDERED, AND DIRECTED that:

1. The District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for at least that portion of the North Yuba Subbasin that is shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. Within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, the District's Counsel is directed to submit a notice of the District's intent to the Department of Water Resources, pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8(a).
3. The District's Counsel shall, after complying with Water Code section 10727.8, begin the process of developing the District's Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Basin in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations.
4. The District's Counsel shall create and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices concerning the District's SGMA process pursuant to section 10723.4 of the Water Code.
5. The District's Counsel shall provide regular progress reports on the SGMA implementation process to the Board at least quarterly.
6. The District's Counsel shall engage with other GSAs to discuss potential modification to the boundaries of the Basin.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Cordua Irrigation District on August 21, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Mathews and Davis
NOES: None
ABSENT: Director Siller



Chairman

ATTEST:



Acting Secretary
Bob Heron

Exhibit A

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION
(2015.5 C.C.P.)

APPEAL-DEMOCRAT

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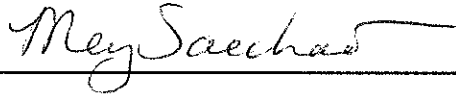
STATE OF CALIFORNIA * Counties of Yuba and Sutter

I am not a party to, nor interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer and publisher of THE APPEAL-DEMOCRAT, a newspaper of general circulation, printed & published in the City of Marysville, County of Yuba, to which Newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by The Superior Court of the County of Yuba, State of California under the date of November 9, 1951, No. 11481, and County of Sutter to which Newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Sutter, State of California under the date of May 17, 1999, Case No.CV PT99-0819. The Notice, of which the annexed is a copy, appeared in said newspaper on the following dates:

August 7 & 14, 2015

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

August 14, 2015



Date

Signature

Cordua Irrigation District

Notice of Public Hearing

COPY:

CORDUA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Notice of Public Hearing - Election to Become Groundwater Sustainability Agency Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Water Code section 10723, Cordua Irrigation District will hold a public hearing during a special meeting on August 21, 2015, commencing at 10:00 AM at the office of the Yuba County Water Agency at 1220 F Street, Marysville, CA, 95901, to determine whether the District will elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the North Yuba Subbasin of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin. Written comments may be submitted to the District, Attn: Charles Mathews, no later than 5:00 pm on August 20, 2015, to P.O. Box 1111, Marysville, CA, 95901, or by hand delivery to the District office. During the hearing, the District will allow oral comments, and will receive additional written comments before making a decision. The presiding officer may limit oral comments to a reasonable length. Date: August 3, 2015, Charles Mathews, Chairman.

August 7 & 14, 2015

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Exhibit B

Cordua Irrigation District - Boundary And Sphere Of Influence

